

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: VanEpps, Jr. et al.
Application No.: 10/723,776
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For: **METHODS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCTS FOR GENERATING AN ALERT SIGNAL BASED ON A SOUND
METRIC FOR A NOISE SIGNAL**

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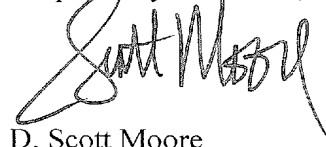
Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated February 23, 2007, at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting claims 1, 4-17, 20-25, 28-32, 35-38

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